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CROP-PURCHASE PROGRAM IN YUGOSLAVIA

CROP PURCHASE OF SWINE -- Politika, No 13025, 10 Sep 48

The nation-wide crop-purchase plan for swine was fulfilled during the first day of the sale. In the Vojvodina the goal was met 104 percent, while only 27 of the 81 districts of Serbia have reported. Croatia exceeded its goal by 10 percent. Macedonia met its quota 200 percent, while Montenegro made only 75 percent. The swine purchase program has ended in Slovenia and in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

CROP PURCHASE OF LIVESTOCK FOR AUGUST -- Rad, No 141, 11 Sep 48

The August plan for the crop purchase of cattle in the Vojvodina has been fulfilled 124 percent, though figures for hogs and sheep are much lower. Poor planning of the crop purchase and of credit and carelessness in keeping records are responsible for poor results in Montenegro during the last 2 months. In Croatia the plan for August was fulfilled only 85 percent, while in Bosnia and Herzegovina it was exceeded by 3 percent.

CROP PURCHASE IN SERBIA -- Borba, No 185, 1 Aug 48

Crop purchase in the Zemun district was well organized in advance. A member of the District People's Committee was assigned to each center. Conferences were held in all the villages to explain the program. Crop-purchasing stations were set up in Kupaovo, Boljevci, Simanovci, Batajnica, and Zemun, and each was assigned storage space. However, much grain has gone unharvested because machinery remains unspared in the agricultural machinery station, and reporting is inadequate.

CROP PURCHASE OF SEED IN SERBIA -- Politika, No 13004, 16 Aug 48

To date, 2,100 kilograms of seed have been purchased in the Gruza

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district, for which a goal of 500 kilograms of meadow grass seed had been set. Good organization of the crop-purchase program and favorable prices are responsible for the great interest shown by the producers.

CROP PURCHASE IN VOJVODINA -- Borba, No 189, 5 Aug 48

In Vojvodina the government has already purchased 11.83 percent of the wheat goal, 9.97 percent of the barley, and 3.35 percent of the wheat, which means that the first 10-day crop-purchase plan has been fulfilled 100 percent. Of the many localities that have substantially exceeded their assessments, Vrsac has sold 29 percent, Sremska Mitrovica 24 percent, the Sencanski region 23 percent, the Novi Sad area 50 percent of their respective total goals for white grain. Harvests in some areas are as much as 180 percent of assessment, and in spite of fraud on the part of some large landowners and poor organization of local agencies, the total yield will be well above expectations. Storage space is sufficient for the present, but more will be needed later in the season. Many granaries under construction will not be finished in time; some lack fire-fighting equipment. This year storage space is particularly important as the grain is damp and must be spread out.

GRAIN STORAGE IN VOJVODINA -- Borba, No 185, 1 Aug 48

Storage space is ample in the Sombor and Kula districts because 15 new granaries were put up last year. They were all built beside the railroad to facilitate transportation.

CROP PURCHASE IN CROATIA -- Borba, No 189, 5 Aug 48

In some villages of the Stara Pazova district the crop-purchase plan has been exceeded by as much as 300 percent; in more, the goals have not been fulfilled. The district as a whole has furnished 50 percent of its assessment during the first 5 days of the plan. Poor organization of the crop-purchasing agencies is the chief reason for these disappointing results. For example, the daily plans had been published less than a month in advance. The crop-purchase administration has reporting services in ten Croatian centers; yet in the early days of the harvest regular reports have been issued for only two. For many areas, there are no reports at all. Even the crop-purchase administration does not know the crop situation in Karlovac, Pazina, Vojnic, Slunj, Vrgin Most, Ogulin, and Istrin.

CROP PURCHASE IN CROATIA -- Borba, No 188, 4 Aug 48

The best organization of the crop-purchase program in Croatia is found in eastern Slavonia. Farmers were notified of their quotas in time, warehouses were clean, transport arranged for, and personnel competent. Constant cooperation existed between the district and local crop-purchasing commission and the state crop-purchase authority. Consequently, the daily crop purchases of 20 carloads of grain in the Osijek district was well above the estimates of the daily plans. By 31 July, 1,032 tons of white grain had been purchased here, or 216 percent over the 5-day plan. Likewise in the Belomanastir district 711 tons were purchased, or 199 percent over the 5-day plan, and the Donji Miholjac district has an excess of 142 percent. The Prozega district, where the program was well organized, had a surplus of 152 percent, while the neighboring and richer Djakovac district, with poor organization, marketed 30 percent less. The well-organized Koprivnica, Djurdjevac, and Varazdin districts exceeded their quotas by 67 percent, 156 percent, and 147 percent respectively.

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In other districts results were disappointing because of poor organization, insufficient use of harvest machinery (scarcely anywhere in Croatia is it used at night), careless indifference. In the Masice district 17 carloads of grain were bought by the district authority, which does not know whether the sales were compulsory, voluntary, or contractual. The Garesnica district marketed only 24 percent of its 5-day plan, and in the Dvor na Uni, Gline, and Petrinja districts producers have not yet been notified of their quotas. The Dalmatian, Istrian, and Karlovac committees have not yet issued any reports.

CROP PURCHASE OF WINE AND SPIRITS -- Vjesnik, No 1008, 30 Jul 48

The Vis (Croatia) District Cooperative Labor Union has completed its crop purchase of wine, of which it has 395 carloads. The wine is stored in cooperative cellars equipped with all processing equipment. About 24 carloads of spirits, about 13 carloads of various vegetables, 15 quintals of honey, and 25 quintals of chrysanthemum blossoms have been bought this year, and about 400 kg of rosemary oil have been reported for purchase.

CROP PURCHASE IN MACEDONIA -- Borba, No 188, 4 Aug 48

Macedonia, where crop purchase is due to begin today, does not have enough crop-purchase stations or storage space. The warehouses in Krivogastani are not repaired; storage space has not been provided in Brajevo; and preparations have not been completed in the Kratovak district. In the Prilep district, grain will be purchased only in Prilep, Brajevo, Krivogastani, and Dunjo. Producers from remote settlements will have to bring their grain a long distance to market.

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